

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 17 and 20 so that the claims read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent garment comprising:

a body chassis having a terminal front waist edge, a terminal back waist edge longitudinally spaced from said terminal front waist edge, a first length defined between said terminal front waist edge and said terminal back waist edge, and a laterally extending centerline defined half way between said terminal front and back waist edges, wherein said body chassis is formed from a laminate structure having a plurality of layers, wherein all of said layers have the same length such that a thickness of said body chassis is the same along said length of said layers; and

an absorbent insert fixedly secured to said body chassis, said absorbent insert comprising a retention region comprising an absorbent material, said retention region having first and second longitudinally spaced boundaries and a second length defined between said first and second boundaries, wherein said second length is less than or equal to 50% of said first length, wherein at least 70% of said second length is positioned between said centerline and said terminal front waist edge, and wherein there is no absorbent material disposed longitudinally outside of said retention region defined between said first and second boundaries.

2. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said absorbent insert comprises a single retention member defining said retention region, said retention member having first and second ends corresponding to said first and second boundaries.

3. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said absorbent material comprises a superabsorbent material.

4. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 3 wherein said superabsorbent material forms at least 20% of the absorbent material by weight.
5. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 3 wherein said superabsorbent material centrifuge retention capacity of at least 20 grams liquid per gram weight of superabsorbent material.
6. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 3 wherein said retention portion has a density between about 0.10 gm/cc and about 0.50 gm/cc.
7. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said body chassis comprises a front body panel comprising said terminal front waist edge and a terminal crotch edge longitudinally spaced from said terminal front waist edge, and a rear body panel comprising said terminal back waist edge and a terminal crotch edge longitudinally spaced from said terminal back waist edge, said terminal crotch edges of said front and rear body panels being longitudinally spaced to form a gap therebetween, and wherein said absorbent insert comprises first and second longitudinally spaced end portions and opposite laterally spaced side edges, wherein said absorbent insert bridges said gap between said front and rear body panels with said first and second end portions overlying and connected to said front and rear body panels respectively.
8. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 1 wherein said body chassis comprises a non-woven material.
9. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 8 wherein said body chassis further comprises an elastic material, wherein said body chassis is stretchable in at least a lateral direction.

10. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 1 further comprising at least a pair of fasteners positioned at one end of said body chassis on opposite sides thereof, wherein said at least said pair of fasteners releasably engages an opposite end of said body chassis on said opposite sides thereof with a pair of leg openings being defined at least in part by said body chassis.

11. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent garment comprising:

a front body panel comprising a terminal waist edge and a terminal crotch edge;

a rear body panel comprising a terminal waist edge and a terminal crotch edge, wherein said terminal crotch edge of said rear body panel is longitudinally spaced from and forms a gap with said terminal crotch edge of said front body panel, and wherein a first length is defined between said terminal waist edge of said front body panel and said terminal waist edge of said rear body panel, and wherein a laterally extending centerline is defined half way between said terminal waist edges of said front and rear body panels; and

an absorbent insert comprising first and second longitudinally spaced end portions each having a terminal edge and opposite laterally spaced side edges, wherein said absorbent insert bridges said gap between said front and rear body panels with said first and second end portions overlying and connected to said front and rear body panels respectively and with said terminal edges of said first and second end portions longitudinally spaced from said terminal waist edges of said front and rear body panels respectively and with said terminal edges of said first and second end portions longitudinally spaced from said terminal crotch edges of said front and rear body panels respectively, said absorbent insert comprising a retention member formed from an absorbent material, said retention member having first and second longitudinally spaced ends and a second length defined between said first and

second ends, wherein at least 70% of said second length is positioned between said centerline and said terminal waist edge of said front body panel.

12. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 11 wherein said second length is less than or equal to 50% of said first length.

13. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 11 wherein said absorbent material comprises at least 20% superabsorbent material by weight.

14. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 11 wherein each of said front and rear body panels comprises a non-woven material.

15. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 14 wherein each of said front and rear body panels further comprises an elastic material, wherein each of said front and rear body panels are stretchable in at least a lateral direction.

16. (Original) The disposable absorbent garment of claim 11 further comprising at least a pair of fasteners connected to one of said front and rear body panels, wherein said at least said pair of fasteners releasably engages the other of said front and rear body panels.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a disposable absorbent garment comprising:

providing a body chassis having a terminal front waist edge, a terminal back waist edge longitudinally spaced from said terminal front waist edge, a first length defined between said terminal front waist edge and said terminal back waist edge, and a laterally extending centerline defined half way between said terminal front and back waist edge, wherein said body chassis is formed from a laminate structure

having a plurality of layers, wherein all of said layers have the same length such that a thickness of said body chassis is the same along said length of said layers; and

fixedly securing an absorbent insert to said body chassis, wherein said absorbent insert comprising a retention region comprising an absorbent material, said retention region having first and second longitudinally spaced boundaries and a second length defined between said first and second boundaries, wherein said second length is less than or equal to 50% of said first length, wherein at least 70% of said second length is positioned between said centerline and said terminal front waist edge, and wherein there is no absorbent material disposed outside of said retention region defined between said first and second boundaries.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein said absorbent insert comprises a single retention member defining said retention region, said retention member having first and second ends corresponding to said first and second boundaries.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein said absorbent material has at least 20% superabsorbent material by weight.

20. (Original) A method of assembling a disposable absorbent garment comprising: providing a body chassis having a terminal front waist edge, a terminal back waist edge longitudinally spaced from said terminal front waist edge, a first length defined between said terminal front waist edge and said terminal back waist edge, and a laterally extending centerline defined half way between said terminal front and back waist edge; and

fixedly securing an absorbent insert to said body chassis, wherein said absorbent insert comprising a retention region comprising an absorbent material, said retention region having first and second longitudinally spaced boundaries and a second length defined between said first and second boundaries, wherein said

second length is less than or equal to 50% of said first length, wherein at least 70% of said second length is positioned between said centerline and said terminal front waist edge, and wherein there is no absorbent material disposed outside of said retention region defined between said first and second boundaries;

~~The method of claim 17~~ wherein said body chassis comprises a front body panel comprising said terminal front waist edge and a terminal crotch edge longitudinally spaced from said terminal front waist edge, and a rear body panel comprising said terminal back waist edge and a terminal crotch edge longitudinally spaced from said terminal back waist edge, said terminal crotch edges of said front and rear body panels being longitudinally spaced to form a gap therebetween, and wherein said absorbent insert comprises first and second longitudinally spaced end portions each having a terminal edge and opposite laterally spaced side edges, and wherein said fixedly securing said absorbent insert to said body chassis comprises bridging said gap between said front and rear body panels with absorbent insert wherein said first and second end portions overlie said front and rear body panels respectively, and fixedly securing said first and second end portions to said front and rear body panels respectively with said terminal edges of said first and second end portions longitudinally spaced from said terminal waist edges of said front and rear body panels respectively and with said terminal edges of said first and second end portions longitudinally spaced from said terminal crotch edges of said front and rear body panels respectively.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein said body chassis comprises a non-woven material.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein said body chassis further comprises an elastic material, wherein said body chassis is stretchable in at least a lateral direction.

23. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising providing at least a pair of fasteners positioned at one end of said body chassis on opposite sides thereof, wherein said at least said pair of fasteners are releasably engageable with an opposite end of said body chassis on said opposite sides thereof.